Trivandrum and (iv) Santhigiri Ashram. Thiruvananlhapuram (Siddha) have been received this year.

(e) and (f) Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi have informed the position as under :—

(1) Government Ayurved College, Tripunithura—College has requested to increase the intake capacity from 30—50 and to start P.G. Course in Shalya. Rasahastra and Panchkarma. As it is Government College, consent of University and State Government has been asked which is still awaited.

(2) Government Ayurved College, Kannur—The college requested permission to start P.G. Course in Rachna Sharir. Kriya Sharir and Roga Nidan. Permission was granted for 2001-2002 to strat P.G. Course in Kriya Sharir and Roga Nidan. The College has not been permitted to conduct P. G. Course in Rachno Sharir because there was only one Lecturer in the Department.

(3) VPS Varrier Ayurved College, Kottakkal—College requested permission to start P.G. Course in Swasthvritta and Shalya. College was asked to obtain and forward the consent of University which is still awaited.

Opening of Homoeopathic Research Centres

†4091. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWAR1 : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether while inaugurating a-Homoeopathy Conference in Delhi he had made any announcement to open Homoeopathic Research Centres on the pattern of Allopathic Centres in various hospitals;

(b) if so, the names of hospitals where such Homoeopathic Research Centres will be opened;

(c) by when these centres will start functioning: and

(d) The proposed allocation of funds for opening Homoeopathic Research Centres in the year 2002-03?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Government is aware of a news item published in the Hindi daily "Dainik Jagran" of 13.01.2002.

(b) to (d) 1. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy which was established in the year 1975 as an autonomous organization under the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy has been engaged in the research activities of Homoeopathy medicine.

2 National Institute of Homoeopathy, another autonomous body under this Department is having Post Graduate Departments in Homoeopathy medicine and also undertakes Research in Homoeopathy medicine.

3. Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy is also implementing a scheme for Extra Mural Research in ISM and H under which financial assistance is given to accredited research institutions for undertaking research projects.

4. Homoeopathy Colleges in the country where Post Graduate Depart-ments are established, are also involved in Research activities.

Quality of ISM physicians

†4092. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr colleges have been set-up for producing of qualified physicians in Ayurveda. Siddha and Unani Systems of medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such colleges in 2000;

(c) the average number of physicians coming out from these, colleges annually after passing examinations:

(d) whether it is a fact that efficiency of the physicians is not found upto the mark on account of lack of essential facilities in the above colleges; and

(e) if so. the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

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